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SUBJECT: Madera County Transportation Commission 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 11

Dear Mr. de Terra:

We have completed the review of Amendment No. 11 to the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2017 FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated May 25, 2018. MCTC adopted Amendment No. 11 on May 23, 2018. This amendment to MCTC's 2017 FTIP modifies three previously programmed State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) grouped project listings for the Roadway Preservation Program, Roadside Preservation Program, and Bridge Preservation Program. This amendment also modifies one previously programmed individually listed project for the State Route 99 widening project in the City of Madera.

Pursuant to the February 14, 2018, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX, and the Federal Highway Administration, California Division*, we accept the proposed modifications to the 2017 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the MCTC region in accordance with the *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning* that was published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016. We find that the MCTC's FTIP, including Amendment No. 11, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Public Law 114-94, the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act" (FAST Act).

We have determined that the FSTIP modification proposed by this amendment are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the transportation conformity provisions found in 40 CFR Part 93. This finding has been coordinated with Region 9 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding between DOT and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated

April 25, 2000. Therefore, we find that the MCTC 2017 FTIP including Amendment No. 11 continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This approval is provided with the understanding that the funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary federal administrative requirements, and that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for any project funding source included in this amendment.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this MCTFSTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs (wade.hobbs@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5029.

Sincerely,



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